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PENDING CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT

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1. (Amended) A method for facilitating a chat session between a
first user and a second user visiting a first web site, comprising:

receiving, from the first user, a first user ID corresponding to the first user, a
co-branded community to which the user belongs and an address of a first web site being
visited by the first user;

receiving, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second
user, a second co-branded community to which the second user belongs and the address of the
first web site;

providing, to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID and the
second co-branded community;

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receiving, from the first user, a request to open one of a public chat session, a semi-public chat session and a private chat session with the second user;

transmitting, to the second user, an indication that the first user has requested one of the public chat session, the semi-public chat session and the private chat session; and

receiving, from the second user, an acceptance to enter the chat session designated by the first user.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the chat session may be continued when at least one of the first user and the second user disconnects from the first web site.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step further comprises:

receiving, from the first user, a query for information regarding other users in a co-branded community visiting the first web site; and

searching a user database to determine which users in the co-branded community are visiting the first web site.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the query includes a request for other users having predetermined personal data including mood data.

5. (New) A method for facilitating a real-time chat session between a first user and a second user, both visiting a first web server, the method comprising:

receiving, from the first user, a first user ID corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server;

receiving, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server;

providing, to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID;

receiving, from the first user, a request to open a semi-public chat session with the second user;

transmitting, to the second user, an indication that the first user has requested the semi-public chat session; and

receiving, from the second user, an acceptance to enter the semi-public chat session designated by the first user.

6. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the semi-public chat session is visible only to users having a predetermined user profile.

7. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the providing step further comprises:

receiving, from the first user, a query for information regarding other users visiting the first web site; and

searching a user database to determine which users are visiting the first web site.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the query includes a request for other users having predetermined personal data.

9. (New) A computer-readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for facilitating a chat session between a first user and second user, both visiting a first web server, the method comprising:

receiving, from the first user, a first user ID corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server;

receiving, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server;

providing, to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID;

receiving, from the first user, a request to open a semi-public chat session with the second user;

transmitting, to the second user, an indication that the first user has requested the semi-public chat session; and

receiving, from the second user, an acceptance to enter the semi-public chat session designated by the first user.

10. (New) An apparatus for facilitating a semi-public chat session between a first user and second user, both visiting a first web server, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory storing processing instructions for controlling the processor, the processor operative with the processing instructions to:

receive, from the first user, a first user ID corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server;

receive, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server;

provide, to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID;

receive, from the first user, a request to open a semi-public chat session with the second user;

transmit, to the second user, an indication that the first user has requested the semi-public chat session; and

receive, from the second user, an acceptance to enter the semi-public chat session designated by the first user.

11. (New) A method for facilitating a communication between a first user and second user, both visiting a first web server, the method, comprising:

receiving, from the first user, a first user ID corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server;

receiving, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server;

providing, to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID; and

receiving, from the first user, a request to communicate with the second user.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

transmitting, to the second user, an indication that the first user has requested a communication; and

receiving, from the second user, an acceptance to receive a communication from the first user.

13. (New) A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for performing a method for facilitating a communication between a first user and second user, both visiting a first web server, the method comprising:

receiving, from the first user, a first user ID corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server;

receiving, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server;

providing, to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID; and

receiving, from the first user, a request to communicate with the second user.

14. (New) An apparatus for facilitating a communication between a first user and second user, both visiting a first web server, the apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a memory storing processing instructions for controlling the processor, the processor operative with the processing instructions to:

receive, from the first user, a first user ID corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server;

receive, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server;

provide, to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID;

receive, from the first user, a request to communicate with the second user; and

provide to the second user an address for communicating with the second user.